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WEEK IN CONGRESS

Indications of a Clash in the Senate Over Committee Vacancies.

REPUBLICANS TO CAUCUS TO-MORROW

Democrats Insist on Greater Representation and the Majority Will Not Yield—The Work Proper Before Both Branches.

Washington, March 29.—There is a strong probability of a clash between the majority and its allied opponents in the senate this week on the question of filling the committee vacancies. The minority has attacked the validity of the action of the committee on post-offices and post roads in taking under consideration nominations when the committee was not more than half filled, despite the fact that a resolution was passed at the close of the last session of the 54th congress containing the senate committee, and authorizing it to transact business until the vacancies were filled. By attacking the legality of the committee as at present constituted the democrats hope to force the republicans to agree to their programme of permitting the total membership of the committee to remain as at present constituted; the democrats to hereafter name a democrat for every senator of that party whose term expired on the 4th of March last. The republicans will hold a caucus to-morrow afternoon for the purpose of hearing the report of the steering committee and solving the difficult problem that now confronts them. The demand of the democrats is understood to be that they shall have precisely the same minority representation which they granted the republican minority when the republicans were a solid body and did not have the present conditions of free silver disintegration to contend with. The republicans, on the other hand, contend that the senators who bolted the St. Louis convention are no longer members of the republican party. They acknowledge that by former action of the republican party some of these senators received very desirable committee assignments, but they insist that these positions cannot now be charged up against the straight republicans. The democrats refuse to recognize any division in the republican party.

Majority To Adopt New Tactics.

According to this contention, the republicans, if their demands were granted, although holding the chairmanships, would be in the minority on all of the important committees. This is particularly true of the committees on appropriations and finance. The democrats insist upon appointing a democrat to succeed Mr. Voorhees on the finance committee and also insist upon counting Mr. Jones of Nevada, silver rep., as a republican to help make up the republican membership of the same committee. The republicans have offered to accept Mr. Jones as one of their assignments if the democrats will agree to assign a gold democrat to the committee, but this has been declined. The situation has been quietly canvassed, and the republicans, failing to bring the democrats to terms on grounds which they consider reasonable, will probably try new tactics this week. They contemplate offering a resolution declaring that the membership of the various committees shall consist of a certain number of senators belonging to each party, the number to be designated in the case of each committee. This resolution, it is believed by the republicans, will be carried, either by the affirmative votes of the populists or by their refusal to vote, as they did when the republicans reorganized the committees and took control.

Peace Treaty the Principal Work.

If this programme can be successfully carried out the republican will then feel free to caucus and designate their assignments to the various committees and then ask the democratic committee to fill in turn their assignments. This will bring the matter to a square issue and force the fighting in the senate. Republicans who have the matter in charge profess their belief in the success of the plan. So far as the business of the senate proper is concerned, it looks as if the general treaty of arbitration with Great Britain would take up the major part of the week. An agreement has been reached to take a vote Wednesday afternoon on all the amendments then pending. The treaty as amended is to be printed and laid before the senate the next day, when the debate will continue under the ten minute rule. If further amendments are offered they are all to be voted upon at 4 o'clock on Thursday, the day following. After that hour the offering of amendments will not be in order and the debate on the treaty will continue until the final vote is taken. Mr. Davis has pressed for an agreement for a time when this final vote shall be taken, but his appeals have not yet been successful.

House of Representatives.

The house of representatives has nothing ahead of it but tariff. Up to Wednesday next at 1 p. m., under the existing rules, the five-minute debate on the bill by motions will continue.

Then Mr. Bailey of Texas and Mr. Dingley of Maine, the recognized democratic and republican leaders, will be accorded an hour each to close the debate, and the vote on the passage of the bill will be taken at 3 p. m. on Wednesday, March 31.

STRUCK BY A LIVE WIRE.

Newark Policeman Instantly Killed—Man Who Cut the Wire Arrested.

Newark, N. J., March 29.—Policeman John Clark of the Harrison police force was instantly killed by coming into contact with a live electric wire on Harrison avenue near First street yesterday. Clark noticed the end of the wire lying on the ground and electric sparks emitting from it. Approaching it cautiously he struck the end of the wire with his club. He did not notice that the wire was dangling from overhead, and as he struck it it lay back and struck him in the face. The wire was charged with over 5,000 volts from an electric light wire overhead, and Clark never knew what struck him. He fell back dead into the arms of Sergeant Kennedy, who stood alongside of him. Deputy County Physician Albers ordered the body removed to Walsh's morgue. Investigation proved that the wire belonged to the Hudson Telephone company. It had sagged down on the electric light wire, and Owen Kelly, a lineman employed by the Newark Electric Light & Power company had cut the telephone wire and had permitted the ends to dangle down into the street. Kelly was arrested and committed without bail on a charge of manslaughter. A coroner's inquest was ordered. Clark was 35 years old. He was to have been married during the week after the close of Lent.

VICTIM OF FIENDS.

An Aged Farmer Dies of Terrible Tortures Administered by Robbers.

Beatrice, Neb., March 29.—David Jones, an aged farmer who lived near Wymore, is dead of injuries inflicted one week ago by robbers. Jones was 71 years old, a bachelor and lived alone. He was quite wealthy, and was popularly supposed to keep large sums of money about his place. About 8 o'clock at night as he was preparing to retire two masked men entered his house. One knocked him down with a blow on the head. When he had partly regained consciousness he was ordered to show them where he kept his money. He took them up stairs and showing them \$4 declared it was all he had. They then tied him to a bed, wrapped his feet in cloths, and after saturating them with coal oil, set them on fire. He still protested, and a bundle of cloths were laid on his bare stomach and set on fire. Failing in their purpose, more of the oiled cloths were placed on the back of his neck and burned. Jones managed to get free, crawled to the barn, got on a horse, and rode to his sister's, a half mile distant, where he fell from the animal unconscious. He was only able to give a slight description of his assailants.

MINISTER TO JAPAN.

The Name of Capt. Jacques, of the Jersey Naval Reserve, Favorably Considered.

Trenton, March 29.—Francis B. Lee, editor of the Trenton Times, announces that he is personally authorized to make the statement that Capt. William H. Jacques of New York city, commander of the New Jersey naval reserve, has retired from his candidacy for assistant secretary of the navy. His name has most favorable consideration in Washington for minister to Japan, where he was in charge of the ordnance department during the Chinese war and was decorated with the order of the Sun by the emperor.

\$100,000 Residence Destroyed by Fire.

New London, Conn., March 29.—The handsome residence of Col. Augustus C. Tyler, commander of the Third Regiment, C. N. G., and known as "The Elms," on Pequet avenue, was completely destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Col. Tyler and his family have been in the south during the winter, and the house was in the charge of the colonel's butler. The fire started from some unknown cause in the music room. The residence of Gordon Malory, adjoining the Tyler house, was damaged somewhat by the fire. The loss on the residence and furnishings, including a vast quantity of silverware, bric-a-brac and art works, will reach \$100,000.

President Diaz Wants a Vacation.

City of Mexico, Mex., March 29.—It is reported here that President Diaz will apply to congress for a leave of absence for three months from Mexico with a view to making a trip to France and England this summer. His long years of active service as president have been arduous, and as his son is attaché of the Mexican legation at Paris, he desires to visit him and obtain needed recreation.

Deluded Canadians Brought Home.

New York, March 29.—The steamer Buffon, from Rio Janeiro, brings two families of Canadians who were sent home by the British consul. They went to Brazil to better their condition, but were compelled to return to avoid starvation. The Buffon narrowly escaped destruction during the voyage by colliding with a derelict floating bottom up.

WATER AGAIN RISING

Situation in the Mississippi Valley Most Alarming.

GOVERNMENT ISSUES A WARNING

Towns Submerged and Levees in Great Danger—The Worst May Occur During the Next Week or Ten Days.

St. Louis, March 29.—The forecast of the government signal service that the Missouri and the upper Mississippi rivers would rise to danger point has been well verified, and new high watermarks are being made. That stretch of low land country on both sides of the Mississippi river from the mouth of Des Moines to the hills below Hannibal, Mo., and Quincy, Ill., is under water. At Quincy the record is 15.2 feet with a rising river. This is two feet above the danger line. Great suffering has been occasioned among the farmers and the boatmen about Palmyra and West Quincy on the Missouri side. The sea of overflow has ruined every land farm from Palmyra north forty miles to Le-grange. The Indian grave levee north of Quincy that protects 20,000 acres of farm land was still intact this morning, but a little more water will sweep it away. At Burlington, Ia., the river is five miles wide and has destroyed several mills on the flats.

Towns Inundated.

Pine Bluff, Ark., March 29.—Red Fork, a little town near here, is completely inundated. The water is two feet deep in houses on the highest elevations. The government levee ten miles south of here is in imminent danger and a call has been made for 200 hands. The town of Watson is also submerged.

Crawfish Threaten a Dyke.

Peoria, Ill., March 29.—The little village of Wesley is threatened with destruction, as the water is slowly creeping toward it. The residence of Edward Hughes has been surrounded and James Blair and his family have been compelled to move out, as the water is over the window sills on the first story. It is feared that crawfish will aid the high water in breaking the dyke in the Pekin and La Marsh drainage districts. The drainage district authorities made an examination of the dyke and discovered that in several places the crawfish had honeycombed the dyke by burrowing it until it is as porous as a sieve.

A FURTHER RISE PREDICTED.

Mississippi Valley Residents Warned of Danger Yet to Come from the Flood.

Washington, March 29.—The following special Mississippi valley bulletin has been issued by the weather bureau. The crest of the flood wave is still at Cairo, which shows a stationary gauge reading of 51.6 feet. There is great danger yet to come from the flood in the region from Helena southward to New Orleans. The river will continue to rise for at least ten days in the region from Helena southward to Vicksburg and to rise during a longer period from Vicksburg southward. If no break occurs before the levees will be subjected to the greatest strain about April 10 in southeast Arkansas and western Mississippi, and should the levees break the result will be one of the most disastrous floods ever known. Weather conditions now indicate additional heavy rainfalls in the middle and lower Mississippi valleys, which will materially intensify the flood situation. Those living in districts overflowed in former years should be on the safe side and transfer stock and movable property to places of known safety while there is yet time.

Fighting May Be Legatized in Missouri.

St. Louis, March 29.—Confidently expecting that the governor will sign the horse breeders' bill, which incidentally permits the licensing of prize-fights, the Olympic Athletic club of St. Louis will be incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000. Many moneyed men of the city are interested. The first event at the new club will be the contest between Sharkey and Maher, who have been matched to fight some time soon. The organization expects to offer a purse of \$10,000. A battle between the leading lightweights of the world on the same night is proposed.

Death of Charles H. Porter.

Leominster, Mass., March 29.—Charles H. Porter, of Tenny & Porter, comb manufacturers, died suddenly last evening of heart failure. He was a prominent republican and an indefatigable party worker. He was 49 years old and leaves a widow, son and daughter. He was one of the wealthiest men in Worcester county, weighing 325 pounds.

Died of Hydrophobia.

Pittsburg, March 29.—Philip James, a well known citizen of Braddock, who died at the West Penn hospital Saturday of hydrophobia, was bitten by the dog about three weeks ago. He was a trusted employee of the Edgar Thomson Steel works.

NAZAIRE SURVIVORS

Sixteen of Those Aboard the Ill-fated Steamer Reach Port.

TELL A STORY OF AWFUL SUFFERING

Rescued from Their Small Boat by the Yanariva After Thirteen of Their Number Had Gone Mad and Plunged Into the Sea.

Greenock, March 29.—The report that the steamer Yanariva, a British tramp vessel from Newport News, Va., for Glasgow, had picked up some of the survivors of the foundered French steamer St. Nazaire turns out to be correct. The Yanariva arrived here last evening and reported that she had rescued sixteen of those who had been on the ill-fated steamer and who had taken to a small boat just before the St. Nazaire went down off Cape Hatteras during a heavy gale. The lookout on the Yanariva sighted a small boat some distance from her displaying a signal of distress. She bore down to the boat and soon had the survivors on board, where everything possible was done for their comfort. As soon as the rescued people were able to give the details of the disaster that had befallen the St. Nazaire they told a story that agreed in all its material details with the report of the foundering of the steamer cabled here from the United States. The boat which the Yanariva picked up had contained twenty-nine persons, but when the steamer sighted it there were only sixteen alive in it, the others having died from the effects of exposure and hunger. The survivors were exhausted when they were rescued, and if the Yanariva had not seen the boat they would all have been dead in a short time. The Yanariva saw nothing of the other boats which left the St. Nazaire.

A Most Pitiable Spectacle.

Capt. Weston, the master of the Yanariva, modestly tells a very graphic story of the rescue. He says that on March 18, eight days after he left Newport News, it was reported to him that a dark object, apparently flying a signal of distress, could be seen some distance off. He at once scrutinized it through a marine glass and thought he saw living persons in a boat. He at once gave orders to the man at the wheel to change the course of the steamer so that she would run down to the windward of the boat. When the Yanariva approached the boat it was seen that there were sixteen persons in her. The weather was rough and it was a delicate task to bring the boat under the lee of the steamer. Those in the boat could render almost no assistance in effecting their own rescue. Finally, despite the rough sea, the boat was brought alongside and lines were thrown to those in her and they were hauled on board. The survivors presented a most pitiable spectacle. Their faces were wan and haggard, their eyes were bulging from their sockets, and their scant clothing hung about them in loose folds. All were in a condition of the greatest exhaustion, and were unable to stand when they reached the deck of the Yanariva. Two of the number had lost their reason from the terrible sufferings they had endured, and they had to be restrained by the men on the steamer. The boat had left the St. Nazaire in such haste that she had not been properly provisioned. In fact, there was only a small tin of biscuits aboard.

Went Mad and Jumped Into the Sea.

In an interview with one of the officers he described the capsizing or smashing of the boats when they were attempting to leave the St. Nazaire. When the boat in which the survivors were found was launched, Second Captain Nicolai took command of her. The weather was extremely rough, and continued so for several days. A sail was rigged and Capt. Nicolai managed to keep her running dead before the wind. This, though a dangerous manoeuvre, was the only thing possible to do under the circumstances, as to have kept the boat on any other point of sailing would have resulted in her being swamped. As it was the combing seas followed close upon the stern of the boat and every moment threatened to break aboard and fill her. The water constantly poured over the gunwales, and every soul in the boat was drenched to the skin. The water was bailed out with cups, and this exercise undoubtedly saved the lives of some of the hapless men, for otherwise they might have frozen to death. The salt encrusted on their faces and hands caused much pain. The suddenness with which it was necessary to abandon the St. Nazaire prevented any attempt being made to put a supply of water in the boat. Some of the men withstood the tortures of thirst as long as it was possible for human nature to do so. Then, maddened by the torture to which they were subjected, they drank sea water. Their agony was then worse than ever, and in a short time they went mad and jumped into the sea. The strongest of the men refrained from putting the sea water into their mouths, and prevented by force some of the others from doing so.

STATE OF TERROR

Warfare and Pillage Going on In Every Part of Crete.

FORCES OF THE POWERS OF NO AVAIL

Turks Threaten Complete Annihilation to Every Foreigner and Even Their Own Women and Children on the Island.

Canea, March 29.—The conditions which prevail throughout the island beggars description. Warfare, rapine and pillage is going on in every direction, and thus far the forces of the powers have been absolutely powerless to preserve order even in the coast towns. The Cretan Christians and the Greeks are firmly resolved to bring about the annexation of the island to Greece, while the Moslems appear to be equally determined to prevent such a consummation. The Turks declare that if the island is handed over to Greece they will massacre not only every foreigner, but even their own women and children, and then fight the Christians to the bitter end. Though the powers have heretofore displayed much favoritism to the Turks, it is not for a moment believed that they would countenance a massacre of the Christians.

Greece's Position Extremely Grave.

Athens, March 29.—The Greek situation is extremely grave. With the departure of Crown Prince Constantine from Athens to take command of the troops in Thessaly the die seems to have been cast. War would be inevitable if Greece recalled her army. It would march to Athens and dethrone the king. The most serious element of the situation is the undoubted fact, despite denials, that the concert of the powers is no longer solid.

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Explanation of the Course Pursued by the Kaiser in the Cretan Crisis.

Berlin, March 29.—Despite the perplexities of the ministerial situation and the calls upon his time arising from the memorial fetes of the past week, the Kaiser has been able to give a large share of his attention to the eastern crisis. Nearly every day he has held protracted conferences with the chancellor or Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, minister of foreign affairs, at which the foreign situation had a prominent part. It is known that the Kaiser has been again in direct communication with the Sultan, and following his occasional use of the right to be his own foreign minister, has sent personal instructions to Baron Saurma von Jeltich, German ambassador at Constantinople, and to Baron von Plessen, German minister at Athens. The ministerial press here argue with some apparent degree of justice that the Kaiser, in again resuming an active role in the protracted negotiations concerning Greece, has entirely disinterested aims. If he follows in the wake of the czar, it is because of the fact that up to the present time the policy of Russia has been directed to the maintenance of the status quo in the Balkan peninsula, which concurs not only with the general interests of peace, but especially agrees with the interests of Austria, Germany's ally. But there are near prospects of the divergence of Germany from Russia's lead. Previous dispatches have already denounced the current fiction that the Kaiser's policy was in any wise influenced by his personal enmity to the Greek royal family, or that he had ceased all relations with his sister, the Duchess of Sparta. There is good ground for stating that, while opposing Greece's seizure of Crete, the Kaiser had in view the satisfaction of Greek claims in another quarter, and that he has now suggested to the Sultan the rectification of the frontiers of Greece, according to the terms of the fourteenth protocol of the Berlin treaty. It is felt and admitted in the highest quarters here that Greece cannot withdraw from Crete, abandon all her claims, and submit to the behests of the powers without some compensation. A revolution at Athens after so many sacrifices on the part of the nation would be inevitable. Crete is for the time, at all events, lost to Greece, but King George has caused the powers to be informed that the basis of a pacific settlement can be found only in the acquisition by Greece of the territory accorded to her under the Berlin treaty. The Greek frontier would then run from Myroneri on the Gulf of Salonica to and including Metsovo and the lake of Janina.

Dog Fight Raided.

Nashua, N. H., March 29.—A dog fight for a purse of \$400 between two noted dogs owned by Lowell parties was to have occurred in South Nashua at an early hour Sunday morning. About thirty-six persons were present and the dogs were in the hands of the holders when officers surrounded the place and captured twenty-four men and one of the dogs. Officer Rogers brought John Hilland to a stop with a light bullet in the leg. The prisoners were each fined \$15 and costs.

Bad Sealing Year.

St. Johns, N. E., March 29.—News from the east coast sealing fleet has been received. Out of sixteen steamers fishing in the North Atlantic eleven have been heard from, whose combined catches have been only 21,000 seals, less than a load for one steamer. This is the worst record for 100 years.

Heavy Loss by Fire at Portsmouth, Va.

Norfolk, Va., March 29.—It is now estimated that yesterday's fire at Portsmouth destroyed property valued at over \$150,000. Among the property destroyed was a Catholic church, two public halls and twenty-seven dwellings. As a result of the conflagration, 200 persons are homeless.

Not To Challenge for the America's Cup

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Antarctic Exploration.

London, March 29.—When the political activity of the admiralty has subsided, Mr. Goschen intends to return favorably to the consideration of the dispatch of an exploring expedition to the Antarctic ocean. Everybody now recognizes that such an undertaking would have the best chances of success if carried on with the active assistance of the admiralty. It is quite likely that a suitable ship will be commissioned shortly for the purpose.



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A MAN FROM THE CAPE.

BY W. PETT RIDGE.

It was an eccentric picture gallery with pictures painted by men who were young enough to know better, or sprawling ladies in green, scarlet and blue. The frames were formed in themselves a grim attraction to most of the visitors; the catalogue was usually preserved by suburban patrons for the purpose of frightening birds. Yet the gallery was not without attractions on a cold day when the wind cut along from the Green park, down Piccadilly, racing another wind which was speeding madly along Pall Mall with a slight start in advance toward Waterloo place.

"It does one good," said Mr. James Marchant, "to come to a show like this. If I ever go out to the Cape again—"

"Which you won't," said the young lady. "And I feel wistful—"

"Mal du pays," suggested the young lady.

"Exactly. Why, then, I shall think of this hideous collection of pictures, and I shall feel reconciled to my lot. The Cape is not all honey, but at any rate you do get nature there. And nature is always good."

"I suppose these artists think she can be improved by the introduction of a little novelty."

"I wouldn't," said Mr. James Marchant, waving his stick round the gallery. "I wouldn't give twopenny halfpenny for the lot of them."

"I don't suppose they would care to sell them for less."

Mr. James Marchant laughed good-temperedly, and touched her hand, which happened to be resting on her knee. It was a very pretty hand and very neatly gloved, and there was good excuse for him.

"But there is something," he said, lowering his voice, "something in the gallery, Ella, that I would give every penny I have in the world to possess."

"A picture?"

"Prettier than any picture."

"Statuary?"

"Better shaped than any statuary."

"Not disposed of already?"

"I hope not. There is only one difficulty—I am not sure, if I were to make an offer now, that it would be accepted."

"How shall you find out?"

He rose and adjusted his frock coat with the manner of a man to whom for some years frock coats had not been familiar wear. He was a tall, brown-faced man, with a good deal of earnestness in his eyes.

"I shall ask Mrs. Beckett."

"Oh," she said. She gazed a little before she went on. "And you—you think my stepmother will be—will be able to advise you in the matter?"

"I think she will." They walked slowly on the thick carpet to the swing doors. "Besides, it's only fair to do so."

"It seems to me," she said, rolling up her catalogue very tightly, "rather an old-fashioned mode of procedure."

"There is this excuse in my case, Mrs. Beckett has an idea, I am afraid, that I have brought back from the Cape untold gold. I want to make her understand that when I say I shall have to work for my living, I really mean it."

"I am glad," she said, quietly. "I shall see you to-night?"

"I am not sure," she said, with her little hand resting for a moment in his. "I think the invitation is for two only."

"I have a great mind," said Mr. James Marchant, looking down at her affectionately, "to kiss you."

"That is no evidence of a great mind," she said, reprovingly. "Besides, you are in London now."

"And don't people kiss in London?"

"They don't kiss me, Mr. Marchant."

"I am very glad of that."

"And people don't talk of kissing at the doors of picture galleries."

"I am afraid," said James Marchant apologetically, "that I have much to learn before I become re civilized. The Cape makes one forget all one's manners."

"It has not made you forget your friends," she said.

"There was one," he said, as he assisted her into the hansom. "She was only a small girl—"

"Not old enough to count?"

"Of whom I thought every day of my life out there."

"There were tears in her eyes that challenged the lightness of her good-bye. The small gloved hand was pressed by the big fist of the man from the Cape for one moment, and then he gave the address to the driver.

A bright face with the tears of happiness still there looked through the glass as the hansom drove off, and Mr. James Marchant strode away with a glad heart to see a business man in Bedford street. For men who want to earn money must force their thoughts away even from the direction of pleasant young women.

It was by great dexterity that at dinner in Duke street mansion that night Mr. James Marchant contrived to get himself paired with the excellent Mrs. Beckett. Mrs. Beckett declared herself enchanted; but this was so frequent a declaration on the part of Mrs. Beckett that it was held to mean something less than the phrase really meant.

"I should have thought you would have insisted, simply insisted on taking down my dear Madeleine."

Mrs. Beckett fluttered her fan at Mr. Marchant in a manner that had in the early seventies been pronounced bewitching.

"I want particularly to speak to you, Mrs. Beckett. I want to offer myself—"

"S—sh," said Mrs. Beckett, mysteriously. "Not a word. I know exactly what you are going to say. Madeleine, my dear." She called to a tall, lanky damsel just in front of them.

"You haven't shaken hands with dear Mr. Marchant. How very remiss of you. The dear girl is so thoughtless; do you know, Mr. Marchant, that I decline to goodness I believe she's in love."

Miss Madeleine received this railery with a grim smile and shook her head with Mr. Marchant. Miss Madeleine explained that her half-sister Ella had remained at home because she had some writing to do.

"Poor Ella," said Mrs. Beckett, with effusive sympathy, "poor, dear girl. I'm really dreadfully fond of her. You must give me your advice, Mr. Marchant, concerning her at dinner. I feel already—forgive me for saying so—I feel already as though you were one of the family."

Mrs. Beckett gave her little tackle of self-approval and general satisfaction and went on as they seated themselves at the table.

"I have noticed it all along, do you know, and I am so delighted. Quite enchanted really. And my influence with the dear girl will make her like you. I dare say you may have thought her a little—what shall I say—cold?—but, as a matter of fact, it has only been—O, bless my soul, thick soup, please—what is the expression? It has only been—it has only been—"

"Malden reserve?" suggested Marchant.

"Precisely! Pre-precisely what I was trying to say. How clever of you, dear Mr. Marchant. I can understand now how it was you got on so well in South Africa. And your assertion that you had come home with very little sale, I could see, only a pretense to try us—Yes, sherry, please."

"I want to speak to you about that, Mrs. Beckett. I'm afraid you don't realize what I mean when I say that I haven't brought much home with me."

"Now, my dear Mr. Marchant."

"You must allow me, please, to tell you exactly my position. Unless I work and earn money we shan't have—"

"Mr. Marchant! This elaborate ruse is one that I have heard of before. A woman like myself doesn't live in this world for—well, a certain number of years for nothing."

"No," said Mr. Marchant; "it costs money, I know."

"That is not at all what I mean. But when you came back from the Cape a few weeks ago and hinted that you had only a few hundreds I could see through it at once. It was—this is a dreadful slangy expression—too thin. But the dear girl, of course, didn't see through it, and consequently you may feel quite sure that she will love you for yourself alone. That's all you wanted, isn't it?"

"That, certainly, is all that I wanted but—"

"And, fortunately enough, to confirm my suspicions, I came across a letter addressed to a friend of mine—she didn't know that I saw it, but I managed to do so all the same—from your partner, Burchison."

"Really?" Mr. James Marchant was suddenly interested.

"And Mr. Burchison said that you and he had made a pile—such an odd expression, isn't it—of £20,000. And he said that he thought you would both stay on for a few years, but as we know you sensibly enough came home."

Mrs. Beckett looked triumphantly across at her angular daughter opposite, who was bawling information about the weather to a deaf archdeacon, and then at Marchant. She shook her head waggishly at the man from the Cape.

"Can I see that letter?" he asked, sharply.

"Fortunately I have it in my pocket, but I really don't know whether I ought to show it to you. You see it is private."

"Is that why you took it, Mrs. Beckett?"

"Come, come, Mr. Marchant. Don't be too severe. One has to keep one's eyes open in this world."

She found the letter with some difficulty—for the pockets in ladies' dresses are remote and difficult of access—and under ambush of his plate Marchant read it.

"Mrs. Beckett," he said, excitedly, "you have, without knowing it, done me a very great service. Burchison declared to me that he had invested our gains, and that all the money had been lost. It seems from this letter that he has behaved shamefully, and I shall make him disgorge every penny that belongs to me. I shall go back to the Cape by the next boat."

"This is very unsatisfactory," declared Mrs. Beckett, aggrievedly. "You can't very well get married before next Saturday."

"The dear girl will wait," he answered, confidently.

"I'm not so sure of that," said Mrs. Beckett, with some snappishness. "Dear Madeleine is not so young as she was."

"So I should judge. But what has she to do with the affair? Is she to be bridesmaid?"

"Madeleine has been bridesmaid often enough," said Madeleine's mother. "This time, providing this money affair of yours comes out right, she will be the bride."

"Whose bride, Mrs. Beckett?"

"Why, bless the man," cried Mrs. Beckett, "yours."

"I don't see how that can be managed with convenience. There's a law against bigamy, I believe. Besides, I only want to marry your stepdaughter."

"Ella?" cried Mrs. Beckett, amazedly. "If you don't mind."

Mrs. Beckett laid down her fishknife and fork and stared distractedly around the table at the other guests. Finally her eyes rested on Madeleine, and she frowned so much at that young lady that Madeleine asked across the table in an audible tone if she were ill.

"Ill?" echoed Mrs. Beckett, tartly; "I have uncommonly good cause to be. To think that I have taken all this trouble for the sake of poor Mr. Beckett's ridiculous little daughter by his first wife. Why, she isn't worth—"

"Excuse me," interrupted Marchant, promptly; "you will remember, please, that you are speaking of a lady who is to be my wife."

"Ah!" said Mrs. Beckett. —Chambers' Journal.

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COSTLY INSTRUMENTS.

Some of the Pieces for Band Use Are Very Expensive.

The writer was recently accorded the privilege of a peep into the museum attached to the factory of one of the largest firms of brass instrument makers in London. Here are to be seen types, fac-similes and models of every kind of musical instrument that the mind of man has ever devised, invented or produced, says a correspondent.

In the corner is a duplicate of what is believed to be the most costly presentation cornet ever produced. It was made to the order of the late czar of Russia, and is of sterling silver, richly graven with various devices, among which the arms of the imperial house of Romanoff figure conspicuously. The whole of the ornamentation is of beaten gold filigree work, and the "bell" of the instrument is thickly incrustured with rubies and emeralds. Its net value is a trifle over 2,000 guineas.

The private band of the Rao of Cutch cost originally £900, and renews most of the instruments every four or five years. The tigerskin used by the Rao's big drummer, which was sent over here to be prepared and mounted, was taken from an animal killed by his highness, and measured over seven feet in length. It is lined throughout with heavy corded crimson silk, and the brute's eyes are simulated by a pair of big yellow diamonds.

Another very fine band was made three years ago to the order of the late shah of Persia. All the instruments were of pure silver—which, by the way, does not give forth so good a sound as brass, besides being far heavier to handle—incrusted with gold. The total of this band de luxe was a trifle under 3,000 guineas. A very different kind of band was that made last year, by the same firm, for the Mimikish Indians, a tribe of savages living near Alert bay, in British Columbia. The band is nearly all drum, and the mouthpieces of the brass instruments are tipped with India rubber, to obviate the inconvenience of applying metal to the lips in a temperature of some 30 or 40 degrees below zero.

A curious order was received a short time ago from the emperor of Morocco. It was for 80 clarionets for one band. As the instruments in question were all in one key, it is probable that they were to be played in unison. The effect upon an average man of 80 band clarionets blown simultaneously would be to create in him a wild desire to take to the woods and become an aborigine. Even to imagine such an ear-piercing combination sets one's tympanum quivering.—London Answers.

MALE SOCIETY BUD.

He Has Arrived and Great Things Are Expected of Him.

If the blossoming of the female "bud" into a flower of society is a proper topic for newspaper discussion, why should not the male "bud" be also honored with a detailed "write-up" in the public prints, so that his charms may be as widely advertised as those of the attractive creatures who depend upon him for seats at the opera and partners at the german? Evidently there is no just reason for the discrimination from the point of view of a Washington paper, which presents in several columns the best qualities of a number of masculine "buds" which are now full blown.

The proud monopoly which the fairer sex have heretofore enjoyed is thus rudely assailed, and hereafter it would not be surprising if the enterprising society reporter has to give as much attention to those coy young things that wear dress coats and belong to the club as he has heretofore devoted to the ladies. Whether this shall prove to be an affliction remains to be seen, but the novelty of the innovation will no doubt lend some interest at first to the apothecary of the male "bud." Blond or blonde, brunette or strawberry type, he will be pictured to us in all his stunning beauty.

The part of his hair, the length of his collar and the beauty of his top coat, the style of his boots and the color of his gloves, the diameter of his eyeglasses, and the angle at which he wears his stick, but on these details and many more to be set forth will be lavishly upon with the ace analysis and painstaking industry of the society reporter. Eyelashes, teeth, trim or beard or mustache, nose of Greek or Roman type, perhaps reticence or expansiveness, will not be neglected, of course.

Great things are promised for the evolution of the male "bud" and if he has heretofore blossomed in obscurity the time of his apothecary has come. No longer will he be a violet in modest seclusion, but a sunflower, brilliant, if not gaudy.—Baltimore Sun.

Too Much Competition.

Brass—Are you in favor of restricting immigration? Roundman—Oh am. There are no places to be had on the force now, and there won't be none for years.—Philadelphia Press.

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POI FROM HAWAII

Native Kanaka Food to Be Tried in This Country.

A Handy Article of Diet That Will Come as a Boon to the Busy Housewife—How It Is Prepared.

A dispatch from San Francisco announces the arrival at that port of a consignment of poi for the Chicago market. There are 200 bags of stuff—it comes in the form of flour.

This is the first shipment of poi to the United States, though the name is familiar to most persons, by reason of the great volume of misinformation that has been published about it.

As a matter of fact, poi is a porridge, made of flour obtained by grinding the roots of taro, or taro. This latter is a plant grown in most of the Polynesian islands, especially in Hawaii. Its scientific name is *Allocaasia macrorrhiza*, but that is never whispered in Hawaii, being not necessarily for publication, but merely a guarantee of good faith. The plant grows to the height of about two feet in small beds, which are so constructed that they may be flooded, as rice fields are. The tops are used by the natives as pot herbs, but the "root of the matter," as the Scotch preachers say, is the portion underground whence comes the poi.

The process of acclimating poi in America should be watched with interest. This is the age when a good housewife is expected to serve to her dyspeptic husband a new cereal for breakfast every morning in the year, as the wife of the Bedouin Arab was expected to regale her lord and master in respect of the date.

To the distracted housewife poi will come as a boon. True, it is not a cereal, strictly speaking, but it is a practical foundation for "mush," and that is the main thing. Persons suffering from a certain class of disorders, including some dyspeptics, may not try poi because of its excessive richness in starch, but in the main the stuff is harmless—as witness the splendid health of the Hawaiians—at least before the missionaries came.

A very pretty sight it was in those days to observe the pretty Kanaka girls in primeval garb grinding the taro root upon a stone as the wife of the Mexican peon still grinds the corn for her husband's refectory. At least I am told so. In my day at Honolulu the native women wore "Mother Hubbards," and were already civilized to the point of disliking housework.

Still there was plenty of poi to be had—and still is, doubtless. It is served for breakfast at the Royal Hawaiian hotel—which hostelry must, of course, have a new and republican name by this time. And there I had my first taste of the stuff. It was served after the oranges—delightful oranges of Oahu!—and I saw the resident whites flooding their portions with cream and covering it with sugar. They said they liked it, but admitted it was an acquired taste.

I did not stay long enough to acquire the taste. The mush was pinkish in hue—a most unhealthy looking pink—and sickish in taste. I was content to be able to say I had tasted it. The Kanakas may have it for all of me—but there is no accounting for tastes.

Later on I had the fortune to encounter poi in circumstances much more nearly au naturel. This was at a luau, or feast given by his majesty, the late Kauihana, of unsavory, but most jovial memory. This was on the Waikiki beach, a paradise, where eating is a profanation, except by the king's orders, anyway.

At this function poi was served, as on the table of the lowliest native, in a jar of rough ware, and eaten, as the lowly natives eat it—with the finger. Notice—not fingers, but finger. The index digit of the right hand thrust into the jar and quivering mess, bent at the proper angle, turned about and then brought forth, with a portion of the poi adhering to the upper joint, by which it was thrust into the mouth.

Looking back at it the process seems—well, yes, nasty. But at the time, as I remember, it was not so, but, indeed, quite the contrary. Tastes change, as well as differ—it may be that.—N. Herald.

The present area of New York, including the recently annexed territory of West Chester, East Chester and Pelham, is 55,835 square miles. The area of Greater London (Metropolitan police district) is 658.31 square miles; Paris, a little over 30 square miles; Chicago, 150.12 square miles; Philadelphia, 129.33 square miles. The Greater New York will contain 319.75 square miles.

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NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.

Numerous Important Measures To Come Up for Consideration This Week.

Albany, March 29.—Numerous important matters will come up for the consideration of the senate this week. The anti-trust bills of the Lexow trust investigating committee have already passed the assembly, and it is expected they will be considered in the senate on Wednesday in general orders. The bill prohibiting the desecration of the United States flag or its use for advertising purposes will come up in the senate to-morrow. The bills amending the ballot and primary election laws are yet to be formulated by the senate judiciary committee. Assemblyman Bondy expects to revive the senate bill providing free transportation on the railroads of the state for state officials. To-morrow he will move that the vote by which the bill was lost a couple of weeks ago on final passage, be reconsidered. It is thought the bill will pass and be sent to the governor for his action. The assembly is well up in its work compared with other sessions. The senate can usually clear its calendars by holding a few long sessions. The following summary shows the condition of the work of the assembly up to date, compared with the session of last year: Assembly bills passed, 1896, 319; 1897, 421. Senate bills passed, 1896, 58; 1897, 104.

Iowa To Go Into Dry Dock.

Washington, March 29.—The new battleship Iowa will leave Philadelphia this afternoon for New York to be docked preparatory to her official trial trip off the New England coast on April 5, permission having been finally granted by the contractor in possession of the new dry dock to admit the vessel, providing the navy department assumes the responsibility for any damages.

The Recent Battle in the Philippines.

Madrid, March 29.—It is officially declared that the insurgent loss in the battle at Ymms, Philippine islands, exceeded 1,600 killed and wounded. The Spanish loss is placed at 37 killed and 215 wounded.

The Bicycle Face.

It has been demonstrated recently that the screwed-up condition of the countenance known as the "bicycle face" is not at all the result of bicycling particularly, but is induced by any violent demand on the muscles. An article on the muscular contraction of the face, published by Dr. A. Fournier, in La Nature, illustrates this fact by presenting a picture of a young man in the act of jumping a hurdle. "During the jump," the doctor says, "the entire body leaves the ground, and for the time being floats through the air like a projectile. The effort of giving the impulse provokes a contraction of the muscles of the entire body: the trunk and the extremities of the body form at the moment of leaving the ground but one rigid unit. The picture shows the body at that moment, and it reproduces the full effort and the complete contraction. As the jump was rather high, the violence of the effort is well accentuated in the jumper's expression. He looks as if in great distress and as if he was about to break into tears."—Chicago Tribune.

A Discouraging Sign.

Mrs. Hunniker—I'm really discouraged about our Will. I don't believe he is destined to be a great man, after all.

Mr. Hunniker—Nonsense, nonsense! What's put that idea into your head? "Why, look at this letter I've just received from him. He's been in college two years now, and his handwriting is still so good that you can read it right off, about like print."—Tribune Leader.

—Icebergs sometimes last for 200 years.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wheat—Trade dull and featureless. May, 75½c; July, 77½c; Sept., 74½c.
Corn—Market dull; no change. May, 30c; July, 31½c.
Oats—Spot trade steady but dull. May, 21½c.
Pork—Market quiet; little change. Extra prime, nominal; short clear, \$9.00 to \$10.50, guess. \$9.75 to \$10.50, family, \$9.65 to \$10.50.
Lard—Market quiet; no change. Prime, western, \$4 4½.
Eggs—Market quiet and unchanged. State and Pennsylvania fresh to 1c, western, fresh, 10c; southern 9½ to 10c.
Butter—Trade dull, prices unchanged. Creamery, western extras, 19c; state and Pennsylvania extras, 17½ to 19c; creamery, western seconds, 16c; state dairy half-cream tubs, fresh factory, 16c; state dairy half-cream tubs, full made, extras, 11½ to 12½c; western, imitation creamery, seconds to firsts, 10 to 16c; western factory, firsts to extras, 10 to 12c.
Cheese—Dull; no quotable change. Cream, large size, full made, colored, 12½c; large, common to choice, part skims, 5 to 6c.
Potatoes—Prices remain stationary. Long Island, in bulk, per barrel, \$1.00 to \$1.25; New Jersey, round, choice, per barrel, 85c to \$1.00. Sweet potatoes, \$1.00 to \$1.75.

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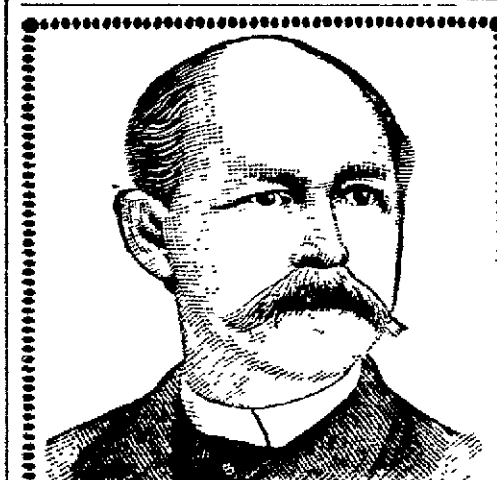
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WEATHER INDICATIONS.
BY UNITED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—Fair, to-night; increasing cloudiness and probably showers, Tuesday; wind shifting to southeasterly; slightly warmer.

THE TEMPERATURE.
The following was the registry of the thermometer at Proctor's drug store, today:
7 a. m., 33°; 12 m., 50°; 3 p. m., 59°.AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.
—March 29.—Concert by Mr. Fred A. Heath, at First Baptist Church.
—April 2.—Ball of Surprise Hook and Ladder Co., at Assembly Rooms.
—April 23.—Bachelor Club hop.

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1897.

Trouble is in store for Greater New York. Patrick J. Gleason, Mayor of Long Island City, announces that he will be a candidate for Mayor of the big city. He does not expect a regular nomination but will run as an independent candidate, under the battle-axe emblem and says that the qualities that have made him popular in Long Island City ought to appeal to the "oppressed voters" of New York and Brooklyn.

Dun's Review, which for months has been insisting that prosperity is following close on the heels of its "advance agent," was forced, last week, to chronicle 291 failures in the United States as against 259 in the corresponding week last year. It also recorded the fact that railroad earnings were four per cent. below those of March last year, that the bar iron trade was demoralized, that there had been a marked decline in the prices of railroad securities and that trade conditions generally were disappointing.

A produce dealer who has bought up 27,000 barrels of fancy onions has cornered the Kansas City market and has put prices up to \$3.50 a barrel for the same quality of stock that could have been bought a week ago for \$1.75 or \$2.25 a barrel. Dealers in Kansas City, who have many orders for onions from firms in the East, cannot fill them unless they buy at high prices from the man who controls the market. The cornering of the western onion market would have been worth a great many thousand dollars to Orange county if it had been done before the Orange county onion crop was marketed, but at this time it is of little help, for there are now very few onions in this section.

That President Thomas, of the Erie, did not go too far in declaring that the Anti-Trust Law decision was broad enough to make the law apply to industrial associations and labor unions seems to be proved by the words of Justice White, one of the minority of the Supreme Court, who in the dissenting opinion says:

The interpretation of the statute, therefore, which holds that reasonable agreements are within its purview, makes it embrace every possible organization or combination of the laborer to benefit his condition, either by obtaining an increase of wages or diminution of the hours of labor. It follows that the construction which reads the rule of reason out of the statute embraces within its prohibition every contract or combination by which working men seek to procure better conditions.

The scheme of the New York Republican leaders to call together the State Committee and have it advise against the amendment of the Raines excise law has angered Mr. Raines, and he has expressed in very plain words his opinion of this scheme to invest the committee with advisory legislative functions. He says, in effect, that the State Committee will hardly have the impudence to attempt to run the Legislature, and that if it should, the Legislature will never abdicate in favor of any such organization. Mr. Raines is theoretically right, but under machine rule the power of the State Committee is so great in making or unmaking candidates that many legislators, who are anxious for further political preferment, would think a good many times before they would take a course opposed to that advised by the committee.

It is said at Albany that Assemblyman Trainor's bills for creation of Greater New York into a new State to be called Manhattan are regarded much more seriously than they were when introduced a week ago. Back of them lies the feeling

entertained by both Democrats and Republicans in New York that the city is most unfairly treated in the matter of taxation, its valuation having been increased from year to year until it now bears nearly seventy-five per cent. of the tax burdens of the State and many Republicans in Central, Northern and Western New York are said to be of the belief that it would be better for the Republican party to let New York city with its big Democratic vote go, thus making a reliably Republican State out of the balance of New York State. The scheme of dividing the State is given local interest by Mr. Trainor's statement that he has been asked by so many residents of counties near New York to include their counties in the State of Manhattan that he may re-frame the bills so as to create an oblong State which will include Orange and Rockland and the other Hudson River counties and possibly Sullivan county. A hearing will be given on the bills, Thursday.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

A POWER HOUSE WRECKED.

Explosion of a Boiler in an Elmira Street Railroad's Power Station—One Man Killed.

BY UNITED PRESS.

ELMIRA, March 29.—A boiler exploded in the West Side Electric Street Railroad's power house, early this morning. It shook houses for nearly a mile around and the noise was heard throughout the entire city.

Frank Albro, the fireman was instantly killed and Engineer Phillip Kniffelt seriously injured. The damage is \$25,000.

NOMINATIONS BY THE PRESIDENT

None of the Plums Distributed To-day Fell to New Yorkers.

BY UNITED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The president has nominated Charlemagne Tower, of Pennsylvania, as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Austria-Hungary; Wm. S. Shallenberger, of Pennsylvania, Second Assistant Postmaster General; Thomas Ryan, of Kansas, First Assistant Secretary Interior; Henry Clay Evans, of Tennessee, Commissioner of Pension.

LATIMER JONES IN THE TOMBS.

BY UNITED PRESS.

New York, March 29.—Latimer Jones was formally committed to the Tombs, to-day.

A Hearing in the Excise Case.

A hearing in the excise case in which an effort is being made to have the certificate of Frank Weller, at the corner of Union and Franklin streets cancelled is being had before F. V. Sanford at the office of D. Finn, this afternoon. The principal witness is Engineer Olney, who made the measurements and map for the parties bringing the action.

A Sullivan County Sunday School Paper

Vigorous Thought is the title of a monthly paper in the interest of Sunday Schools and Sunday School workers, the publication of which has just been begun in Monticello. The first copy contains a large amount of interesting matter.

Another Base Ball Game at the Armory

The 24th Athletics and the Asylum will play another game of ball at the armory, Friday night. The same teams that played the last game will engage in the contest, and an interesting game is promised.

COUNTED THE STITCHES.

The country is covered with phenomenal quilts. But a new standard of supremacy has been set by an inmate of the Old Ladies' Home at Bath, who has just finished a quilt containing 14,911,462 stitches. She says she has kept tally on every stitch. If any one doubts her figures the quilt is on exhibition and the stitches may be counted by the doctress.

Ride the Orange County Express Bicycle.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured in 3 Days.

Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had Inflammatory Rheumatism in every muscle and joint; her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen almost beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians but received no benefit until she tried the MYSTIC CURE FOR RHEUMATISM. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by J. E. Mills.

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Most torturing and disgusting of itching, burning, scaly skin and scalp humors is instantly relieved by a warm bath with CURCURA SOAP, a single application of CURCURA OINTMENT, the great skin cure, and a full dose of CURCURA RESOLVENT, greatest of blood purifiers and humor cures, when all else fails.

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They All Come Back

"There are fads in medicine as well as in other things," said a busy druggist, "but the most remarkable thing about Hood's Sarsaparilla is that customers who try it, remedies all come back to Hood's, and this is why the enormous sales of the great medicine." "I have used it for years and continue to use it as a blood purifier, round, healthy, and as a tonic." "Why is it?" "O, simply because Hood's Sarsaparilla has more real curative merit than any medicine I ever saw." This is of daily occurrence in almost every drug store. Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured many diseases and made more happiness through restoration to health than any other medicine.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the standard—the One True Blood Purifier

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take

OBITUARY.

Melvin J. Freer.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus S. Freer, living at 208 North street, were sadly bereaved Sunday morning, by the death of their youngest child, Melvin Jay Freer, aged eleven months and twenty-eight days. Mr. Freer is highly esteemed at the State Hospital where he has been employed as a trained nurse for six years. The heartfelt sympathy of many friends is with them in their hour of trial.

Elting Cuddeback.

Elting Cuddeback, a wealthy farmer of the town of Deerpark, died, Saturday morning, in the house where he was born eighty-one years ago.

His great-great-grandfather, Jacob Cuddeback, or Caudelbec, was a pioneer settler, having obtained from the Governor of New York in 1690 a grant of 1,200 acres of land seven miles from Port Jervis, known as the Penn Pack patent. This member of the family was a native of Caudelbec, France, from which the family derives its name, and fled to America because of the revocation of the edict of Nantes by the French King in 1685. He married in 1695 Margaret Provost, daughter of Benjamin Provost, a merchant and trader, of New York city.

Jacob Cuddeback lived to be one hundred years old, and his descendants have been noted for their longevity, prosperity and patriotism. One of his grandsons, Abraham, was a noted Indian fighter, and another, Benjamin, one of the Committee of Safety during the Revolution. The latter was the father of the man who died Saturday, who is survived by these children: William L. Cuddeback, a physician; Cornelius E. Cuddeback, a lawyer, both of Port Jervis, and Blundina, wife of the Rev. J. L. Stillwell, of Bloomingburgh.

Mrs. Susanannah D. Dewsnap.

Mrs. S. D. Dewsnap, widow of the late George Dewsnap, who died March 25th, was born April 6th, 1819, in New York city. Her father was Archibald Gaffield and her mother Katherine Wheeler. When her mother was less than two years old her family was forced to leave New York city on account of the occupation of the city by the British. They carried with them in their flight only a few pieces of furniture and settled at Morris-town, N. J. Mrs. Dewsnap was the youngest but one of sixteen children. Her father was twice married, his wives having been the oldest and youngest daughters of the Wheeler family which consisted of eight children, only four of whom attained to mature age. Her grandfather and half brother served through the Revolutionary War. Her father died when she was twelve years of age in 1831.

Mrs. Dewsnap was married May 6th, 1838, to George Dewsnap. After residing for a time in New York City, they removed to Johnstown, Fulton county, N. Y., where they remained for about twelve years and were among the first to establish the manufacture of gloves there where it has since become a great industry.

In 1865 they removed to Mechanic-town. There have been nine children. The eldest Susie D., who died at Goshen, West Africa, in 1881, was a missionary from the First Presbyterian Church, as many of our readers will remember. Mrs. R. Dewsnap was called away Nov. 3, 1896. The surviving children are Mark H., of Boston; George P., of Middletown; S. G., of Seattle, Washington; and Mary, wife of Dr. E. Francisco. She is survived by two brothers, George, of Cornwall; and C. C. Gaffield, of New York. George Dewsnap died Feb. 19, 1873.

Chronic Rheumatism Cured.

Dr. H. B. Hottinger, Indianapolis, Ind., says: "For several months after spraining my ankle, I was severely afflicted with Rheumatism. I finally tried Delehou's 'Mystic Cure' for Rheumatism, and in 4 days could walk without my cane; two bottles cured me sound and well. I take great pleasure in recommending the 'Mystic Cure' to all who are afflicted with Rheumatism." Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, North Street, Middletown.

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An elegant new line of SHIRTS, the latest designs in all grades.

READYMADE CLOTHING.

We are showing an elegant stock of Spring Suits, Overcoats and Pantsuits at low prices. A big stock of GLOVES, all the new shades.

MERCHANDISE TAILORING DEPARTMENT.

We are receiving a great many orders for Spring Suits, Overcoats and Trousers. Now is your time to leave your orders to have your outfit for Easter. Remember we carry the largest stock of Imported and Domestic Cloths in this city.

HATS! HATS! HATS!

We have all the latest blocks in all grades and we put your initial in your hats, which is a great preventive from losing your hat. Call on

JOHN E. ADAMS,

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The present prices make us buy largely. Prices are low—they will be much higher soon. This is particularly true of all imported goods. We are all about to become wealthy by taxing ourselves. This way of enriching the people was lately discovered; it is great and ingenious—watch its operation during the next four years.

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Rent or Exchange.

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We are fully prepared to make those Spring Clothes you must have.

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But "there is no time like the present," and about Easter time we will be very much rushed.

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They are pure.
They are cheap.

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Ground Bone,
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The fine firm known as the Sinclair place near Richmond, in Orange county, on the Newburgh turnpike. The farm contains about 22 acres, 70 acres of which are planted with 11,000 peach trees just coming in full bearing, and near \$2,000 netted from the crop last year. The farm is in good state of cultivation and will grow fifty cows. Good outbuildings and home contains thirteen rooms. A complete stock of farm implements in good condition will be sold with the farm. This farm has fine water, is well situated, and is one of the showiest in the neighborhood. It is an exceptionally healthy one. Will be sold at a bargain.

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DAILY ARGUS.

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1897.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

—Rooms to let by J. R. Schoonmaker.
—Ten yards muslin to one customer at Geo. B. Adams & Co.'s.
—Ladies' suits a specialty at Weller & Demerest's.
—Flat to let in Iseman Building.
—Tompkins' new dry goods store will open Saturday at No. 8 East Main street.
—Postum, substitute for coffee, at grocers.
—Lydia Pinkham—woman's friend.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Port Jervis holds its charter election to-morrow.
—Guy Bros.' minstrels at the Casino, Thursday evening.

—The Wallkill Hat Works will start up, to-morrow morning.
—Guy Brothers' Minstrels at the Casino, next Thursday evening.

—The pupils of the public schools of this city, are enjoying their spring vacation this week.

—Guy Brothers' Minstrels come to us well recommended by the press. At the Casino next Thursday evening.

—The spring session of the Misses Porter's school will open March 31. Easter vacation from April 14th to the 21st.

—All interested in Mr. Maggio's six-string banjo should call at his office to-night, at 8 o'clock, as the raffle will take place at that hour.

—Members of the Goshen Vocal Society will visit this city, this evening, to rehearse "The Elijah" with the Middletown members of the chorus.

—Guy Brothers' minstrels which appear at the Casino, Thursday evening, come well recommended. The company is a large one and is said to give a good entertainment.

—Readers of the ARGUS will have no difficulty in seeing the advertisement in another column announcing the opening of Tompkins' new dry goods store in the Armstrong & Lyon Block, April 3d.

—The auction sale of the stock and farm property of the late Henry R. Corwin, to-morrow, will undoubtedly attract many buyers. Six well bred and valuable horses and several fine Jersey cows, together with a large variety of agricultural implements, wagons and carriages, etc., will be sold.

PERSONAL.

—Harry Odell has resigned his position at the State Hospital, and has secured a job in the hat shop.

—Hulet D. Clark, of Johnson, is a very critical condition. He is suffering from grip, lung trouble and erysipelas in one of his legs.

—Miss Annie Worcester and niece, Lulu, left here, Saturday morning, for a visit to relatives in New York and North Patterson, N. J.

—Benjamin Bacheller, the taxidermist was in town, to-day. He is just recovering from a six weeks' illness from grip and pneumonia.

—Mrs. James E. Conklin and daughter Carrie returned, this afternoon, from a few days' visit with her brother, Roe C. Pilsbury, of Chester.

—Paul H. Little, a student at Cornell University, is at home spending the Easter vacation with his parents, Judge and Mrs. T. N. Little.

—Miss Carrie Taylor, of Haverstraw, who has been spending a fortnight with friends in this city, left, Saturday afternoon, for a visit to friends in Port Jervis.

—Mrs. W. B. Boyce was not so well yesterday, but her many friends will be glad to learn that there has been a marked improvement in her condition to-day.

—Rev. D. J. Evans and James Horton, of Grace Church, went to Newburgh, to-day, to attend a meeting of the standing committee of the Archdiocese of Orange.

—Miss Mary Eloise Harding, a student at Cornell University, is spending the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Harding, on West Main street.

—Miss Miliard, of Oxford, who has been visiting at the residence of her cousin, I. C. May, on Wickham avenue, returned home Saturday. She was accompanied by Mrs. May, who will spend two weeks visiting in Oxford.

Concert at First Baptist Church.

Do not forget that the concert by Fred Heath for the benefit of the organ fund will be given at the First Baptist Church, this evening. Mr. Heath will be assisted by Mrs. Milford Leslie Rice, reader. The Mohlin grand piano will be used. Tickets are 25 cents with no reserved seats. Those who have the concert in charge are greatly pleased with the large advance sale of tickets. The concert will begin at 8 o'clock.

Middletown and Goshen Singers to Rehearse To-night.

Middletown singers who will assist the Goshen Vocal Society in rendering "Elijah" at Goshen will meet with the Goshen singers for rehearsal in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church in this city at 8 o'clock, this evening.

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HUSBAND AND WIFE BOTH DEAD

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Davey Not Separated Long by Death.

It is very seldom that we are called on to record at one time the death of both husband and wife, yet such is our sad duty to-day, death having claimed both Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Davey, of Rockville.

Mrs. Davey died Saturday noon, of bronchial pneumonia after a week's illness and Mr. Davey died to-day noon, of paralysis, from which he had suffered for eleven years. He was very low when his wife's death occurred and there is little doubt that the shock of this great bereavement was too much for his wasted strength.

The family came to this city five years ago from Chester, and two years ago removed to Rockville. Mr. and Mrs. Davey have since made their home with their son.

Mr. and Mrs. Davey are survived by the following children: Mary F., wife of Asa Gray, of Mombaccus, N. Y.; Jennie, wife of Joseph G. Hughes, of Howells; Melissa and Jessie, of this city; Theodore, of Rockville; and Joseph, of Monroe Corners, N. J.

Mrs. Davey was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Before coming to Orange county she was a member of Dr. Cuyler's Dutch Reformed Church in Market street, New York city, and for twelve years was a teacher in the Sunday School connected with that church. Mr. Davey was a brother of A. J. Davey, of this city, who died last week.

The funerals will take place at the First Presbyterian Church, at 2 p. m. Tuesday. Interment in family plot in Hillside Cemetery.

CHARGED WITH HORSE THEFT.

John Halligan "Borrows" a Farmer's Big White Horse—Arrested in Goshen—Held for the Grand Jury.

About 3 o'clock Saturday, Thomas V. Deyo, of Michigan Corners, tied his horse and wagon on Railroad avenue, near North street, and proceeded to make some purchases about town. He met John Halligan, a farm hand, who had worked at several places near Michigan Corners, and when the latter asked for a ride home he consented to take him. There were still several purchases to be made, however, and the men separated. When Deyo went to get his horse and wagon the rig was gone and he promptly notified the police.

A description of the missing property was telephoned to the neighboring villages together with a description of Halligan, whom Mr. Deyo strongly suspected of having taken the rig.

Halligan was arrested in Goshen with the missing rig, and Capt. Weber brought him to this city, yesterday.

Recorder Barnes sent Halligan to Goshen jail to await the action of the Grand Jury upon a charge of grand larceny.

The mare, which is only four-years old, was badly injured by Halligan's reckless driving.

WAS A MAN BURNED TO DEATH?

Many People Believe That Ed. Hickey Perished in the Fire That Destroyed Jerry Collins' Barn at Collabar.

It is believed by many people in Collabar and its vicinity that a man was lost in the fire which, early Friday morning, destroyed the buildings on the Jerry Collins farm at Collabar, which is occupied by D. W. Livingston.

Ed. Hickey, a man of irregular habits, who worked off and on for Mr. Livingston, has been missing since the fire. It was Hickey's habit to sleep in the barn when he returned at a late hour or had a relapse of liquor. Hickey was seen by several persons, Thursday night, and it is said that he told them he was going to Mr. Livingston's and that he feared that on entering the barn he may have lighted a match for some purpose, and set fire to the hay or straw and perished in the flames.

Search has been made in the ruins, but our informant had not learned that it had resulted in finding any trace of human bones.

HYMENEAL.

Contant—Mullen.

William Abbott Contant, of Newburgh, and Miss Lora H. Mullen, of this city, were married, last night, after evening service, by Rev. F. A. Heath, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mullen, No. 19 Lake avenue. The wedding was a very quiet one, only the immediate relatives of the bride having been present.

Mr. and Mrs. Contant have gone south on a wedding journey and they may visit Europe before they take up their residence in Newburgh.

Mrs. Contant was for five years the organist of the First Congregational Church and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances in this city, who unite in congratulations and good wishes.

The 24th to Go to New York.

Capt. McFuryne has received official notice that the 24th Separate Company will be ordered to New York to participate in the ceremonies of the dedication of Gen. Grant's tomb.

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AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN COSHEN.

Orange County Driving Park Election—Getting Better—Moved to Goshen—S. of V. Women's Auxiliary—Arrested for Stealing a Horse and Wagon—Will Remain in Goshen—Personal Mention—Jerry Luice Married to Bridget Ann Mulloy—Ladies' Aid Society Sociable—Discharged from Custody—New Brick Making Machinery—Homeward Bound—Removal.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—The Orange County Driving Park Association met at the St. Elmo, Saturday afternoon, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: R. B. Hook, president; E. H. Harriman, vice president; James C. Van Nuyse, secretary; executive committee, A. J. Moore, Frank Wetmore, R. J. Hook. The following directors were chosen: George Murray, R. B. Hook, Abram May, James C. Van Nuyse, A. J. Moore, Frank Wetmore and R. J. Hook, of Goshen; E. H. Harriman, of Arden; William Lawrence, of Chester; W. Abendroth, of Port Jervis. The annual fall meeting will be held about the middle of August, when the Harriman-Daly colt stakes will be decided, and the usual large number of premiums offered. This meeting should be the greatest in the history of Orange county harness racing.

—Hon. Louis Bedell spent Sunday with his family at the St. Elmo, in this village, returning to Albany, this morning. Policeman William Ehlers has so far recovered from his recent serious illness as to go out doors during the day. He hopes in about a week to be able to return to duty.

—Harry White has removed his family from New York city and taken up his residence in one of the Youngs cottages on Grand street.

—The members of Maj. Murray Camp, S. o V., will meet on Wednesday evening for the purpose of organizing a woman's auxiliary. Those qualified to join will be the wives and daughters of veterans and the wives, daughters and sisters of the sons of veterans.

—Saturday evening the Goshen police received a dispatch from the Middletown police force to intercept and arrest "Pat" Halligan who had stolen a horse, wagon and two blankets from a Middletown party. Officer Whidden found "Pat" at half past ten Saturday night standing on a corner, mud-besattered and intoxicated. He was taken into custody and at 3:30 o'clock, yesterday morning, had sobered sufficiently to remember that he had tied the horse under Finn's shed. Officer Whidden drove the horse to Wilcox's livery stable and had it taken care of. Yesterday morning Halligan was sent back where he came from.

—William J. Badie has decided instead of removing to the hotel at New Hampton to remain in Goshen and has leased the first floor and basement in the Sturtz building, and will open for business there on May 1st.

—Herbert Coleman will remove his family from this place to Middletown on April 1st.

—William Strack, of New York city, is visiting at his home in this village.

—On and after April 1st S. F. Dusenberry, of the trolley store, will give away one of his gold filled watches weekly instead of monthly as he is doing at present.

—Much has been said during the last few days of the domestic troubles of one Daniel J. Luice, "Jerry" and the cause of the trouble were married Saturday night. The ceremony was performed by Justice Wm. H. Wyker at his office at 7:30 o'clock. "Jerry's" full name is Jeremiah Joseph Luice and his bride is Bridget Ann Ellen Mulloy, aged twenty-six years more or less, and a native of Quebec. Fred Hook and Al. Whidden acted the occasion by their presence, and acted as sponsors by as bride-maid and groomsmen. The action was taken by the contracting parties upon the advice of Police Justice Sweeney, who told "Jerry" that unless he married the girl "Bridget Ann" she would be sent for five years to the Female Reformatory at Hudson, N. Y. Shortly after the ceremony had been performed the new Mrs. Luice threatened to smash the head of her mother-in-law. Mrs. Mary Luice, then Mrs. Mary promptly set out in pursuit of Justice Sweeney to get a warrant for her daughter-in-law's arrest. The court judiciously avoided the ancient Mrs. Luice and she finally gave up the quest, and at present the calm that usually precedes the storm has settled down over the Luice household.

—A dispute between two of our local residents attracted considerable attention in various parts of the village, last night. The trouble arose over jealousy on the part of Jacob Piggy, who saw "Lit" Van Dyke strolling down the

avenue with a dusky belle on whom Piggy thinks he has a sort of a mortgage. Piggy struck Van Dyke on the jaw and both parties indulged in considerable side talk. No serious consequences resulted, however.

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A VERY SUDDEN DEATH.

Caspar Reimer, a Well Known Barber of Goshen, Dies of Paralysis.

From Our Goshen Correspondent.

The sudden death of Caspar Reimer shocked the residents of Goshen, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Reimer was a barber and well known to almost everyone in the village, having lived here many years. He had been up rather late on Saturday night, not closing his shop until nearly midnight. Yesterday morning he arose as usual, but during the forenoon again retired. An effort was made by Mrs. Reimer to waken him shortly after noon, but her efforts were unavailing. His hands and feet were cold and he breathed but faintly. Summoning Officer Van Leuven from police headquarters nearby, Mrs. Reimer dispatched him for medical assistance. Death occurred shortly after the arrival of a physician, and was due to apoplexy or paralysis of the brain.

Besides his wife, his mother and one sister, Mrs. George Sharts, of this village, survive him.

The deceased had been prominent in various secret orders and in fraternal circles.

Mr. Reimer was forty-nine years of age. His funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon, from St. James' Episcopal Church.

To Care for a Lunatic's Estate.

R. M. Cox Esq., made application in Judge Hinchey's special term, Saturday, for the appointment of a committee to take charge of the estate of Lydia Wickerson, an inmate of the Middletown State Hospital, who has personal property to the amount of \$500 and who also owns a house and lot in Blooming Grove.

The 24th Anniversary "Smoker."

The 24th Separate Company's "Smoker" commemorating the tenth anniversary of its organization, will be held at the armory to-morrow evening. A first class entertainment will be given, to be followed by a clam supper.

Admission to the armory will be by ticket only.

Meeting of the Horse Fair and Driving Park Directors.

A meeting of the directors of the Middletown Horse Fair and Driving Park Association was held at the Russell House, Saturday evening. Only routine business was transacted.

Deaths of 12 Years' Standing.

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"All right, then; here goes," he said, as he settled back in his chair. "I was once engineer on a road that ran for a long distance through the forests of northern Wisconsin, and we were frequently bothered by forest fires. They were particularly bad at the time I speak of. One day I had run through one big blaze, only to find that there was a bigger one ahead. The worst of it was we were low on water. And there was no chance to fill the tank without dashing through the fire ahead of us. I sent the fireman out to see if we had enough to make the run, but he came back and told me the boiler was almost dry."

"I was puzzled for awhile. It was death to all of us I knew to stay there, but how to get out was the question. Suddenly a happy thought struck me. There was a milk car just behind the first baggage, and I made for it. 'How much milk have you got?' I said to the fellow in charge. 'About 40 cans, I guess,' he answered. 'Why do you ask?' 'Never mind,' says I. 'What's that in those cans in the corner?' 'Oysters,' he answered. 'But why do you want to know?' 'Never you mind,' I told him, and then I ordered the other train hands who had come up to see why we had stopped to tote that milk and those oysters up to the engine. They did it in spite of the kicking of the milkman, and when they had brought them up I ordered them all chucked into the tank. The conductor came up, too, and declared it was a funny notion to be making oyster stew in an engine boiler, when we were in danger of being burned alive, but I soon convinced him that it was necessary if we did not want to stay there and roast."

"Well, we finally dumped in all the milk and all the oysters and started ahead. You ought to have smelled the steam that came back into that engine cab. It would have made you think of an old time church festival. Whew! boy that soup did smell. It made the engine jump, though, and that was all we wanted. We got up a great head of steam in no time, and the way we plunged through that next fire belt was a caution. As we pulled up at the station just beyond I opened up and began to whistle. A great cloud of oyster soup or vapor shot into the sky, of course, and didn't come down till we were far out of sight. Then it settled like a thick fog, oysters, soup and all. Everybody noticed it, of course, and there was a country scientist in the town who was sure it was the greatest phenomenon of the age. It was raining oyster soup up there he was sure and the next issue of the weekly papers were full of it—not the soup, but the news of it. After the residents up that way had all swallowed it—not the soup but the story—we told them about it, and that was the silliest looking scientist I ever saw."—Chicago Times-Herald.

A BEAR IN A CAVE.

Two Indians Went in by Light of a Torch and Killed Game.

A writer tells how two luck Indians of the northwestern coast tribes went into a bear's den and, by the light of a torch, killed a big grizzly bear.

A young law student got sight of the bear one day while he was still hunting. While trying to approach it the hunter alarmed the bear and it ran to a 1,000-foot cliff and took refuge in a hole there. The student climbed up 100 yards on the face of the cliff and started rocks down about the hole, thinking to drive the bear out, but the bear would not start. Then he went to a nearby Indian camp and got Trinity Dick and a Pitt river Indian, who said they would go with the man after the bear if he would let them take the rifle. The student let Trinity Dick take the rifle and borrowed another for the Pitt river Indian.

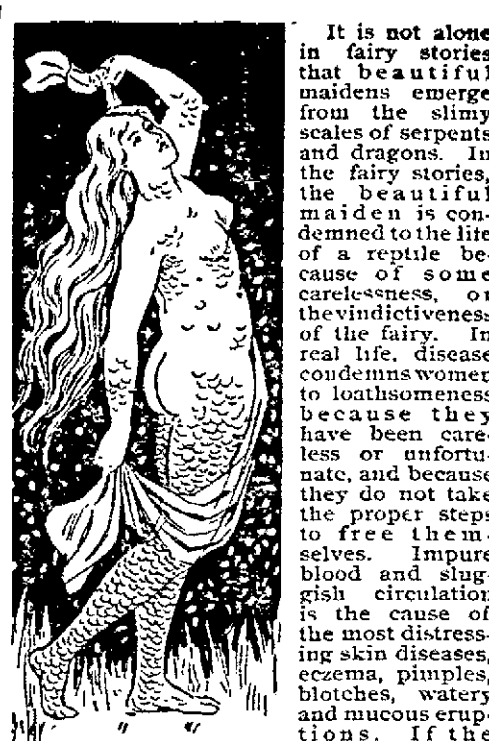
"I waited outside," the student related, "while the Indians went into the cave with a torch. I listened for a long time, then I heard the dull boom of two guns away back in the cave somewhere. Then all was still again for some time. After a bit Trinity Dick came out and waved his hand to me, then went back in. I followed and quickly came to the bear, which was already losing its hide at the knife point of the Pitt river Indian."

"The cave was deep, with many arms. The Indians had followed the main cave, disputing with each other as to who should go first. Trinity Dick, being the elder, got the place of honor, while the other followed holding the torch high aloft. The bear was not in the main cave, and they went to the end without coming upon it. On their way out, however, the men were confronted by the bear at a distance of 20 feet. Trinity Dick told his companion to hold the torch steady, so that the lights could be seen plainly. When the shot was fired, the bear pitched forward, and then a second bullet was fired into it. The Indians then turned and ran, holding their guns as they did so. But the bear never moved again."—Game-land.

A Dangerous Motion.

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—She neglects her heart who studies her glass.—N. Y. Weekly.

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HISTORY OF WITCHCRAFT

Some Interesting Facts About the Old-Time Crime.

"Witchcraft at Salem and Elsewhere," was the subject of a recent lecture by Prof. John Fiske. Prof. Fiske began his lecture by citing an instance which occurred in Normandy in 1670, when Louis XIV. granted leniency to a number of persons convicted by the parliament of Normandy of the crime of witchcraft. A remonstrance was sent to the crown by the parliament supplicating that the law be strictly enforced upon these persons, whose crime was the most heinous which could be committed. Both sides were against the glory of God and the safety of the state, and the crown was not well versed in the etymology of the highest court to reverse the decision, and the offenders escaped. The incident serves to show that the leaders of that time were not so wise as we are.

"Witchcraft," said the lecturer, "is a word which has been used from the earliest time down to the present century. Tribes of people have been found living in a state of extreme barbarism, and it is believed by some that they were utterly without ideas of religion; still, even among the most civilized nations, there was a strong belief in the supernatural in human form. According to the pagan idea the first association of death and all evil was with some similar agency. They had no conception of natural disease—all death was murder through some superhuman power. This belief in witchcraft was deeply rooted and accepted by all without question."

This belief now is entirely extinct among educated people. What, then, caused this change? It is not argument. A powerful cause has been at work, and it is the gigantic development of physical science since the days of Newton and Descartes. This new force supplanted superstition in the minds of the people, just as clover will choke out weeds."

Relating to evidence, Mr. Fiske told of several instances which showed the power of the belief of the old world long before the famous Salem witchcraft in the new. One of the first recorded was the trial of two old women in England for bewitching six girls and an infant boy. The child being ill, the mother suspected it of being a victim of witchcraft—the most natural supposition at that time. She consulted a country physician, who advised her to hang the child's crib blanket up during the day and if she found anything strange about it to throw it in the fire. She did so and when she looked at the blanket found a frog on it. When thrown in the fire it blazed suddenly, then vanished with a queer noise. At the same hour one of the old women, sitting before the fire, had her face scorched, which immediately aroused suspicion against her. About the same time the other children were seized with pains, causing convulsions and other such symptoms of evil practice, upon which the two old women suspected were tried, convicted and hanged.

During the middle ages the executions for witchcraft were numerous. The last sentence of death for witchcraft occurred in England in 1712, in Scotland in 1722, in Germany in 1749 and in Spain in 1781.

In this country the first accused of witchcraft was Margaret Jones, at Charleston, who aroused suspicion by her opposition to the usual forms of medical practice, such as bleeding and leeches, and who effected remedies through the means of simple herbs.—N. Y. Tribune.

"NEW WOMEN" IN SPAIN.

Emancipation of the Fair Sex in That Country.

The new woman has even reached Spain. She has revolutionized England, disturbed France, reigned in America threatened the sultan under the guise of a pretty woman in the harem, and now she has at last invaded the land of Guennas, of stolen love trysts, of moonlight serenades, of billet-doux passed deftly from the hands of the maidens kneeling in dim churches at their devotion, of jealousy, seclusion, and delicious mystery. The Spanish girl has emancipated herself even to the extent of the American, and has organized for herself an institution closely resembling that of the "muffin" in the United States. She chose for herself an admirer, a lover, who is called her "novio," she being his "novia," all this with the consent of her parents. He gives her his arm at the promenade, he sits out all the dances with her at balls, he meets her on her shopping excursions, chaperoned only by her maid, he strolls with her by the seashore and wanders in the garden with her for hours. He taps at her window and discomposes with her according to primeval custom. It is whispered that he kisses her, and sometimes, often, indeed, he marries her, but frequently he does not. It is considered a slur upon a girl if she has two or three "novios" in succession; but as the Spaniards are faithful and jealous, this rarely happens. Nevertheless it has pushed the age of marriage back as in England. The Spanish girl no more dreams of marrying at 15 or 16, but carries on her love affairs, like her northern sisters, well into the twenties. The advantages of such an arrangement are self-evident; it amuses the girls, occupies the men, and gives a freedom and zest to society. In fact, to use the slang expression, the girls now may have a thoroughly "good time."—Chicago Tribune.

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